

Church Camp Fire Update

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Weather Hinders Church Camp Firefighters

Duchesne, Utah – *“Current weather isn’t helping our firefighters,”* said John Kidd, Incident Commander overseeing efforts to contain the 5,600-acre wildland fire burning 20 miles south of Duchesne.

Kidd went on to say, “We’re looking at another day of hot, extremely dry weather today ... the smoke from large fires south and west of us had actually aided our efforts for the first few days by putting a shadow over us. With clear skies, the sun is creating radiational heat that is drying the fuel more and we’re seeing more intense fire activity as the day progresses.”

The heat and low humidity is also beginning to affect the firefighters. There has been one case of severe dehydration and several instances of minor dehydration. The rugged country is also taking a toll on firefighter’s feet.

The mandatory evacuation for Argyle Canyon and the road closure for Argyle Canyon Road remain in effect to allow fire traffic safe access. Highway 191 remains open.

With the holiday upon us, the public is again reminded that there will be increased traffic along Highway 191 and encouraged to watch out for fire equipment entering and exiting the highway.

Currently on this fire are 547 personnel comprised of: three Type 1 and 13 Type 2 crews, 22 engines, four helicopters, two dozers and nine water tenders.

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